

THE
MAD HATTER'S
DREAM

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Secretly choose any letter from the title and then place the four words into two piles, one with your letter choice on them and the other not on them. Show me either pile and I will name your letter using the Hatter's magic cube.

Please DREAM about how this is done and tell me later.



How to use the Magic Cube

There are precisely 8 different letters in the title and can be found in "Mad Hatter's" alone. When the colors of a pile are known, the magician notes them and beginning on the "S" (for Start) traces them on the edges. If he runs into a node that does not have a color he needs to trace on it. He makes a big diagonal jump to another node and continues.

Two examples. Suppose the subject chooses the letter A and therefore forms the two piles Red-Blue and Yellow-Green. From the first pile, starting on the S we hit R then end on A. From the second pile we start on S go Yellow to M and since there is no Green at M we diagonally hop to A.

Suppose instead the subject chooses H. The two piles will be Blue and Red-Yellow-Green. Since S has no Blue edge we diagonally hop to end on H. On the other hand, tracing Red, Yellow and Green, in any order, will also end on H.

The diagonal hops are SH, MA, RT and ED.

If S is chosen then only one pile can be formed rather than two but the procedure still works. The letters of NIL are each used twice to fill out the four four-letter words but of course can never be chosen.

